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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of  
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: Group Art Unit: Unknown

Entitled: ADAPTIVE ENCODING  
AND DECODING OF BI-LEVEL  
IMAGES

: Examiner: Unknown

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is Form PTO-1449 listing documents believed relevant to the subject application. It is respectfully requested that these documents be made of record and an initialed copy of each form be returned to the undersigned.

This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. Furthermore, no admission is being made that these documents are prior art, and applicant reserves the right to challenge any such conclusion.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and the manual of Patent Examining Procedures, section 609 and 707.05. If for some reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

A copy of each document is enclosed unless indicated otherwise. Some of the documents may have markings on them. No significance is meant to be attached to the markings. These documents are not necessarily analogous art.



#### OTHER INFORMATION

Applicants wish to advise the Examiner that a related U.S. application is currently pending. The related application, which is entitled "LOSSLESS ADAPTIVE ENCODING OF FINITE ALPHABET DATA", was filed on March 26, 1999 and assigned Serial No. 09/277,255. A copy of the application, as filed, is included with this Statement.

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Respectfully submitted

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